Making CZM open and participatory

1268. SHRI SUSHILA TIRIYA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have received proposals to make process of Coastal Zone Management (CZM) open and participatory; and

(b) if so, the response of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise

Forest cover in Assam

1269. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the data of land area under forest cover in Assam and the North-Eastern States since 1990-91 on five yearly basis;

(b) the estimated loss of forest area in the next 10 years due to Government's industrial policy; and

(c) the corresponding effects on the ecology and the wildlife in the past and future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) Forest Survery of India (FSI) is assessing the forest cover of the country using remote sensing technology on a two year cycle; hence data on forest cover in Assam & N.E. is available on 2 year cycle starting 1991 and can be presented on a 4 year interval instead of 5 year as below.

(area in km^2)

State	1991	1995	1999	2003
Assam	24,751	24,061	23,688	27,826
Arunachal Pradesh	68,757	68,221	68,847	68,019
Manipur	17,685	17,558	17,384	17,219
Meghalaya	15,875	15,714	15,633	16,839
Mizoram	18,853	18,576	18,338	18,430
Nagaland	14,321	14,291	14,164	13,609
Tripura	5,535	5,538	5,749	8,093
Sikkim	3,041	3,127	3,118	3,262

(b) Since loss of forest area depends upon number of factors such as demand of timber and Non-Timber forest Produce, need of developmental projects and